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B. NPIC 7289 DTG 240022Z MAY 1966

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[REDACTED] REVEALS THE FOLLOWING

ACTIVITY ON LAOTIAN ROUTE 912:

A. A PROBABLE LOGGING OPERATION FOR ROAD CORDUROY MATERIAL IS OBSERVED ON THE SOUTHEAST SIDE OF LAOS ROUTE 912, 2.5 NM FROM THE NORTH VIETNAM BORDER. AN ACCESS ROAD EXTENDS SOUTHEAST FROM ROUTE 912 AT 1715N 10609E (UTM XE234077), PASSING THROUGH THE VILLAGE OF BAN SAN, TO ITS VISIBLE TERMINUS IN A HEAVY TREE CANOPY AT 1714N 10610E (UTM XE244061). EXTENSIVE GROUND SCARRING IS PARTIALLY VISIBLE UNDER THE TREE CANOPY ON BOTH SIDES OF THE ACCESS ROAD. DEFENSES IN THE AREA INCLUDE: THE PREVIOUSLY REPORTED CAMOUFLAGED HMGAA SITE (REF A) AT UTM XE234078 IS A 4 POSITION LT AAA SITE WITH 2 POSITIONS OCCUPIED BY UNIDENTIFIED OBJECTS, ONE 4 POSITION LT AAA SITE, UNOCCUPIED AT UTM XE238076; ONE 4 POSITION LT AAA SITE WITH 3 POSITIONS OCCUPIED (1 DUMMY, 2 CAMOUFLAGED) AT

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UTM XE235076; ONE 4 POSITION HMGAA SITE AT UTM XE236074; ONE 6 POSITION AW/AA SITE AT UTM XE232075; ONE 6 POSITION AW/AA SITE AT UTM XE230073; ONE 4 POSITION AW/AA SITE AT UTM XE238062; AND ONE 4 POSITION AW/AA SITE AT UTM XE235061 (BB).

B. PROBABLE TRUCK PARKS ARE LOCATED ON BOTH SIDES OF LAOS ROUTE 912 2.8 NM FROM THE NORTH VIETNAM BORDER AT 1614N 10608E (UTM XE215059) CONSISTING OF SHORT ACCESS ROADS EXTENDING INTO THE NEARBY UNDERGROWTH. ONE ACCESS ROAD EXTENDS SOUTHEAST TO A KARST HILL AT UTM XE217058. DEFENSES IN THE AREA INCLUDE: ONE 4 POSITION HMGAA SITE AT UTM XE216068; ONE 4 POSITION LT AAA SITE OCCUPANCY UNDETERMINED AT UTM XE220067; ONE 4 POSITION HMGAA SITE AT UTM XE216065; ONE LT AAA SITE WITH ALL POSITIONS CAMOUFLAGED AT UTM XE215067(BB).

C. AN ACCESS ROAD IS NOTED EXTENDING NORTHWEST FROM LAOS ROUTE 912 AT 1615N 10610E (UTM XE243083) TO WHERE IT DISAPPEARS UNDER THE TREE CANOPY IN THE VICINITY OF A KARST HILL AT UTM XE 240085(BB).

D. A SHORT ACCESS ROAD EXTENDS SOUTHEAST FROM LAOS ROUTE 912 AT 1615N 10610E (UTM XE241079) TO WHERE IT DISAPPEARS UNDER THE TREE CANOPY AT UTM XE242078(BB).

E. A SHORT ACCESS ROAD EXTENDS EAST FROM LAOS ROUTE 912 AT 1614N 10608E (UTM XE219061). IT BECOMES A TRAIL AND CONTINUES TO A POSSIBLE SMALL ROCK QUARRY AT THE BASE OF A KARST HILL AT UTM XE224059. BOMB CRATERS ARE NOTED IN THE AREA(BB).

F. THE PREVIOUSLY REPORTED (REF B) ALTERNATE ROAD SEGMENT

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BY-PASSING THE TRELLISED SWITCHBACK ON LAOS ROUTE 912 AT 1712N 10609E (FROM ITS JUNCTION WITH ROUTE 912 AT UTM XE226007 TO ITS PRESENT TERMINUS AT UTM XE233024) APPEARS TO BE COMPLETED BUT UNUSED. A SMALL PERSONNEL FERRY WITH A GUIDE ROPE ACROSS THE NAM TA LE (RIVER) IS OBSERVED AT UTM XE232023, JUST NORTH OF THE ROUTE 912 FORD AND IN THE VICINITY OF THE TERMINUS OF THE NEW ROAD SEGMENT. AT THIS TIME NO PROVISION, NEITHER FORD NOR FERRY, IS OBSERVED FOR VEHICLES TO CROSS THE RIVER FROM THE NEW ROAD SEGMENT TO A REJOINING WITH ROUTE 912 NORTH OF THE RIVER. HOWEVER, SOME UNIDENTIFIED ACTIVITY CONSISTING OF A SHORT SECTION OF TRELLIS AND A FEW EXCAVATIONS, IS OBSERVED AT UTM XE231024 ON THE NORTH BANK OF THE RIVER ABOVE THE WATER LEVEL. THIS COULD BE THE BEGINNING STAGE OF SOME FUTURE UNIDENTIFIED TYPE OF RIVER CROSSING.

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